

**Wireless E911 Advisory Board Meeting  
March 13, 2006  
Nebraska Public Service Commission Library  
300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska**

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board meeting met on March 13, 2006, in the Commission Library, Nebraska Public Service commission in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Meeting called to order** at 1:00 p.m. by Kara Thielen, Director, Wireless E911.

**New Members to Board:**

Bill Ashburn, Alltel Wireless; Pete Peterson, Communications Director, Keith County; and Brenda Decker, Communications Division.

**Roll Call and Members present:**

Virginia Vance  
Mark Conrey  
Issac Brown  
Mark Masterton  
Pete Peterson  
Brenda Decker  
Bill Ashburn  
Neil Miller  
Absent: Bill McLarty  
Absent Roger Goos

Kara Thielen, Wireless E911 Director informed the board that Roger Goos has resigned his position with Nemaha County, so there is a vacancy on the board.

Also present from the Commission were Commissioner Jerry Vap, Commissioner Anne Boyle, Kara Thielen, Joan Raffety, Angela Melton, Andy Pollock, Tyler Frost, Nichole Underhill and Anne Bogus.

Members of the public or industry present were: Shelly Holzerland, Fremont Police; Julie Righter, Lincoln 911; Jack Robertshaw, Viaero Wireless; and Loel P. Brooks, Brooks, Pansing Brooks representing Viaero Wireless.

**No Emergency Agenda Items**

**Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair**

Neil Miller nominated Mark Masterton for **Chair**. Mark Conrey seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Mark Masterton nominated Neil Miller for **Vice Chair**. Pete Peterson seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**Signing of Confidentiality Agreements**

Kara Thielen explained purpose and handed out Confidentiality Non-disclosure Statements to members. Statements were returned to Joan Raffety to notarize.

**Dissemination of advisory board materials**

Kara Thielen disseminated materials to the advisory board members and people present.

**Approval of the previous Minutes of the Meeting** last held on February 25, 2005. Motion by Mark Conrey; seconded by Issac Brown. All members present voted aye. Motion carries.

**Receive any correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Review of Advisory Board meeting dates for the year**

The following advisory board meeting dates were set:

Monday, May 1, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, August 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

October Board meeting – to be announced at a later date.

-Other advisory board meetings will be held as needed.

Motion to set meeting dates made by Issac Brown

Seconded by Mark Conrey. All members present voted aye. Motion carries.

**Review and Discussion of Legislative activity LB 1222**

Angela Melton updated the board and gave a status report on LB 1222 and a summary of the Committee Amendment pending. LB 1222 was advanced with a Committee Amendment and is currently on General File awaiting the first round of debate. The more controversial aspects of the amendment include a) a surcharge cap increase from a 50 cents to 70 cents instead of the original \$1.00 increase requested by the Commission; b) language requiring prepaid wireless providers to contribute to the E911 Fund; c) creation of a landline coordinator; d) consolidation of PSAPs ; and e) permissive language on cost recovery for both PSAPs and wireless carriers.

Angela Melton further reported that opposition to LB 1222 has mainly centered around a few issues including PSAP consolidation, raising the surcharge cap, the prepaid wireless language, creating a landline coordinator, providing less than total cost recovery for the PSAPs and carriers.

Kara Thielen distributed handouts including ‘Overview of costs of Phase I and II, detailing the latest projections for the nonrecurring costs and monthly recurring costs. Discussion ensued as to the permissive versus mandatory language for reimbursement of PSAPs under LB 1222.

A break was taken from 2:30 –2:48 p.m.

After the break, discussion resumed. Mark Conrey suggested to Commissioner Vap and Commissioner Boyle that the Commission open a docket to explore the issues regarding implementation of enhanced 911 in the remaining counties still that have not implemented E911. A motion was made by Neil Miller and seconded by Mark Conrey to recommend such an investigation to the Commission. Motion carried unanimous. Angela Melton will open a docket associated with implementing landline enhanced 911 in seven counties with basic landline 911.

The advisory board agreed to bring a recommendation to the Commission concerning LB 1222. The recommendation is as follows: *Oppose the landline portion of the bill; support the 70 cent surcharge cap; support the discretionary language for PSAP and wireless carrier cost reimbursement.* Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Mark Conrey. Motion carried.

#### **Discussion of future path for Phase I and II**

Kara Thielen discussed various aspects of the process of implementing Phase I and II including equipment/vendor needs and status of some remaining counties in Nebraska to meet Phase I requirements. The future path all depends on what happens with LB1222. When the outcome of the bill is known, we will then be able to lay out a plan and rollout that plan accordingly.

#### **Adjourn**

Mark Conrey adjourned.